

**OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR FOR PLANNING AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT
NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTMENT FUND (NIF)**

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

NIF Target Area Project Grant

The District's Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (ODMPED) invites the submission of applications for the NIF Target Area Project Grant authorized as the "Neighborhood Investment Fund Implementation Plan Amendment Act of 2009". There is \$4.8 million dollars available for this round of funding, of which \$400,000 will be awarded per target area with grants up to a maximum of \$50,000.

The purpose of the NIF Target Area Project Grant (TAPG) is to provide not for profit organizations with grants to complete major projects/programs in one the 12 target areas (see below for the specific target areas) of the Neighborhood Investment Fund. The goal of the TAPG is to fund initiatives that will revitalize target areas by strengthening economic opportunities and improving the quality of life.

Eligible applicants include not-for-profit 501 (c) 3 organizations that can demonstrate a commitment to the NIF target area where the project is proposed through a successful track record of offering and operating programs, projects, services, or facilities. Eligible projects must fall into one of the following four categories: (1) Vocational Job Training and Direct Job Placement for youth and adults, focusing on trade development; (2) Senior or Youth oriented programming; (3) Affordable housing preservation; (4) Small Business technical assistance. Proposed projects must be physically located within the boundaries of one of the NIF target areas and provide a public benefit to the target area that addresses a recognized need. Proposed projects that leverage other resources shall be given special consideration. Additional applicant and project eligibility requirements and evaluation criteria are detailed in the Request for Applications (RFA).

The Request for Applications will be released on Monday, November 9th, 2009 and the deadline for submission is Thursday, January 14th, 2010 at 12 p.m.

ODMPED will hold two informational sessions at the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development, 2025 M Street, NW, Suite 600, Washington, DC 20036 on Friday, November 13th, 2009 at 10 a.m. and Monday, November 16th, 2009 at 1 p.m. All questions and answers from both informational sessions will be documented and posted on the ODMPED website prior to the submission deadline. No questions are allowed after the information sessions, this is to ensure all applicants have access to the same information.

Applicants must complete a fill-able application on-line at the ODMPED website: www.dcbiz.dc.gov (Please look on the NIF page under Funding Opportunities) or on the Office of Partnerships and Grants Services website www.opgs.dc.gov.

All other inquiries should be directed to (202) 724-8111.

NIF Target Areas: Anacostia, Bellevue, Bloomingdale/ Eckington, Brightwood/Upper Georgia Ave., Brookland/Edgewood, Columbia Heights, Congress Heights, Deanwood Heights, H Street NE, Logan Circle, Shaw, Washington Highlands.